

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, the Applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-13 and 15-21), without traverse. Applicant has canceled the non-elected apparatus claim 14, without prejudice.

Consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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